GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4582
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ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR RQP
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the fund allocated for the development of Improvement of Riding Quality Programme (RQP) work for the years 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 in the country in general and the State of Orissa in particular;

(b) if so, whether National Highway Nos. 201 and 217 have been included under the RQP scheme which passes through the KBK region of the State of Orissa, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the bridges damaged on National Highway No.201, have been taken for reconstruction as it connects Bhawani-Patna which is the district headquarter of the Kalahandi district; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B KHANDURI]

(a) Funds are allocated for improvement and development of National Highways as a whole and not for Improvement of Riding Quality Programme (IRQP) separately. Allocation for the years 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 for the country as a whole and for the State of Orissa separately is given below-

Year	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Allotment for country	Rs.1517.04 Cr.	Rs.1617.01Cr.	Rs.1585.00 Cr. (Budget Estimate)
Allotment for Orissa	Rs. 67.04 Cr.	Rs. 45.00Cr.	Rs. 65.00 Cr.

(b) Ministry has sanctioned IRQP works for 95 kms on NH 201 and 117 kms on NH 217 at a cost of Rs.1678.53 lakhs and Rs.1683.75 lakhs respectively.

(c)&(d) The estimate for project preparation for construction of Hati bridge has been sanctioned for Rs.8.89 lakhs. The proposal for re-construction of bridge across Suktel has been received recently and is under examination.